

About Adult Sponsors

As an adult sponsor, you are more than a simple “chaperone”—you are a teacher, motivator, cheerleader and resource!

Your main role is to provide encouragement and guidance to your team of youth as they work to develop a substance abuse and/or violence prevention activity for your school or community.

The confirmation packet (available separately) is filled with basic conference information. Upon arrival, you and your team will also receive conference booklets containing complete information. If you ever have any questions, please ask—especially if you are a first-time YADAPP adult sponsor. The conference staff is here to assist you and your team.

Expectations for Adult Sponsors

- Review the “Expectations for Youth Participants” with your youth **before** attending the conference.
- Complete all paperwork (evaluations, etc.) as requested. *Please bring to the conference all completed and signed YADAPP 2010 health forms and pool waivers for both you and your students.*
- Model “drug-free” behavior.
- Remember you are responsible for the behavior of your youth participants.
- Assist with curfew checks when necessary.
- Be visible.
- Keep in touch with your youth participants throughout the week.
- Report any pertinent issues to the YADAPP conference staff.
- Attend all scheduled sessions, workshops, presentations and activities. Remember, junior staff members and youth leaders have been trained to facilitate planning sessions. Be available to assist if asked, but please allow these youth to practice their leadership skills.
- Turn pagers and cell phones **off** or on **silent/vibrate** mode during all sessions.
- Remain on campus at all times during the conference. If you **must** leave, please notify your students and sign out in the YADAPP Office.

When you return home from YADAPP . . .

- Act as a connection between the team and their school/community administrators.
- Stay in touch with your team throughout the 2010–2011 school year. If applicable, assist in the smooth transition to a permanent team sponsor.
- Be an advocate for your youth by helping to see their STAN plan through.
- **Celebrate success!**